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Title: IMAGE PROCESSING WHEREIN

DECOMPRESSION AND

COMPRESSION METHODS PROVIDE

FASTER TRANSMISSION OF TEXTURE

DATA BETWEEN A TEXTURE BUFFER

AND A PROCESSOR THAN BETWEEN A

STORAGE DEVICE AND A PROCESSOR

Examiner: A. Blackman

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In accordance with 37 CFR §1.56, and in recognition of their duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office relevant information known to be material to patentability, Applicants herewith submit a copy of the prior art listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, including English abstracts where needed. Applicants did not submit a copy of the U.S. reference as this is no longer a USPTO requirement.

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The statement is not a representation that all of the information cited is necessarily effective as prior art against the application.

Applicants filed concurrently herewith a Request for Continued Examination. Accordingly, no fee is necessary for the filing of this statement. Should the Commissioner determine otherwise, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1353 for any fee shortages, including the petition fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

Applicants respectfully request that the disclosed references be made of record in the subject application.

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